

is the advent of artificial snow surfaces in areas with mild winter weather.

In recognition of skiing and its benefits, the Congress, by Public Law 100-634, has designated January 20, 1989, as "National Skiing Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim January 20, 1989, as National Skiing Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5930 of January 6, 1989

### National Tourism Week, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America*

#### *A Proclamation*

The travel and tourism industry is the source of countless benefits for both Americans and our guests from other lands. Friendship, knowledge, and appreciation of intercultural differences, enhancement of international understanding, cooperation, and goodwill are just a few.

Our abundant natural and manmade attractions, the warm hospitality of our people, and the outstanding facilities and services provided by our travel and tourism industry establish the United States as the pre-eminent destination for both foreign and domestic travelers.

Every year, millions of Americans and foreign visitors travel throughout our country discovering the glory of America—the beauty of our natural wonders, cities, wilderness, and countryside; the hospitality of our people; and our outstanding recreational, educational, and cultural activities. They learn America's history and see, firsthand, that ours is the land of freedom, justice, democracy, and opportunity.

The travel and tourism industry, which is composed mainly of small businesses, is now America's second largest private employer and its third largest retail industry. The industry directly employs over 5½ million Americans and indirectly employs another 2,200,000. Total travel expenditures in the United States amount to nearly \$280 billion—over 6 percent of our gross national product. The more than \$19.4 billion spent here on travel and tourism by foreign visitors improves our balance of trade and makes travel and tourism our largest service export.

National Tourism Week fittingly honors all those Americans who earn their livelihood in the travel and tourism industry. National Tourism Week reminds us of this industry's economic, educational, cultural, and

social benefits—that come from a productive partnership of industry, labor, and government.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-672, has designated the week beginning the second Sunday in May 1989 as "National Tourism Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 14–May 20, 1989, as National Tourism Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5931 of January 9, 1989

### National Sanctity of Human Life Day, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America*

*A Proclamation*

Reverence for human life and recognition of the sanctity of individual life are among the defining characteristics of a just civil order. For century upon century, mankind has struggled to establish such principles in law—not merely as right ideas confirmable by experience, but as self-evident truths that provide the only possible basis for the creation of durable political institutions. Age after age of wars and persecutions, serfdom and slavery, have left bitter reminders of the consequences that everywhere follow a failure to recognize the fundamental dignity and equality of human beings in the sight of God.

Our Nation was born in the midst of a struggle in which these principles were the real field of battle. The United States of America was founded by visionary people who believed, and said forthrightly, that the test of any just political system lay in whether it affirmed the unalienable rights endowed by God, rights that no civil authority was ever free to deny or contravene. In this context, it is no wonder then that the first right proclaimed by our Founders in the Declaration of Independence was that of life, and that the care of human life and happiness, as Jefferson declared in words now inscribed on the marble walls of our national Memorial to him, was held to be the first and only legitimate object of good government.

Today our Nation, economically prosperous and at peace, bears a fresh, dark wound upon its conscience, a wound created by a stark deviation from the course of our national journey. Contrary to the purpose of law, to the character of medicine, to the habit of charity, and to the spirit of our founding, abortion has become routinized in America. No one can mistake abortion for the gentle art of healing. Each day in our land the promise of life is stolen from thousands of the unborn, the